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MINUTES - WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE  
NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 56th SESSION - FEB. 23, 1971

Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 2:50 P.M.

Present: R. Young, Howard, Capurro, Hafen, F. Young, Brookman, Mello, Schofield, Swackhamer, Hilbrecht, Lingenfelter

Absent: none

Guests: Earl Oliver, Fiscal Analyst; John Dolan, Dept. Admin; Howard Barrett, Dept. Admin; George Frank, UPI; Harold Jacobsen, Chairman, Bd. of Regents; Neil Humphrey, Chancellor, Univ. of Nevada; President Miller, Univ. of Nev. Reno; President Zorn, UNLV; Dr. Donnley, Dir. Community College; Dr. Ward, Director DRI; Mr. Anderson, Dir. Computing Ctr.

Chairman Young asked for approval of the minutes of the Feb. 18th meeting.

Mr. Howard moved that the minutes be approved.

Mr. Capurro Seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

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Opening remarks were made by Mr. Jacobsen. Chancellor Humphrey remarked that he hoped the Committee's decision in regards to the budget would not be influenced by such problems as the Phoenix Affair and Governor's Day. Chancellor Humphrey remarked on the following areas of concern:  
Student Faculty Ratio's - Governor recommends a ratio of 20:1; in preparing the budget request, the University used progression ratio based on 17.8 students per faculty member in first half of biennium and 18.3 students in second half of biennium.

Faculty Salaries - University adopted salary rank equal to fourth place among Western Universities. When budget was prepared salary request would increase average salary by 8%. Recently current data was obtained and it was determined by Governor that a 6½% increase in salaries would maintain State's goals in competition with Western Universities. A 1.3% in first part of biennium and 5% increase in salaries in second part of biennium being recommended by Governor respectively. There is a difference of \$794,000 in next biennium between Governor's recommendation and University's request in salaries. University urges that \$794,000 be restored to budget.

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Faculty Support Costs - Out of State Travel - University requests restoration of \$150 per year per faculty member for out-of-state travel. Operating support - University is requesting \$6,000 in first part of biennium and \$6,300 in second part of biennium for support of each faculty member. Governor recommends \$5,533 in first part of biennium and \$5,800 in second part of biennium.

New Programs - Eight new programs were approved for each campus; Governor's recommendation deleted all of the new programs. University urges restoration of appropriations necessary in budget to implement these new programs.

Equipment Supplement - (Refer to pages 80-95 for UNR and pages 155-162 for UNLV in University of Nevada System Biennial Budget Request). Board of Regents requested \$250,000 for each campus for each part of the biennium and Governor recommended only \$250,000 for each campus for the entire biennium.

FTE - FTE is \$2800 first part of biennium and \$3,000 in second part. Governor made cuts unrelated to formula.

Buildings and Grounds - Buildings maintenance - formula is based on outside gross square feet in operation. Grounds maintenance formula is based on acreage (\$3,000 per acre in Reno and \$5,000 per acre in Las Vegas).

Security - Budget request based on maintaining coverage 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Governor's budget abandoned formula.

Library- (Refer to pages 6-7 ). The Clapp-Jordan formula was used in determining library book acquisition. Governor is recommending only \$750,000 for both campuses for book acquisition which is only 60% of University of Nevada's System request. The Committee was urged to restore their request.

Revenue Estimating Problem at UNLV - UNLV's revenue was underestimated; they have requested \$170,000 for the first half of the biennium and \$250,000 for the second part of the biennium.

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President Miller spoke on areas of concern regarding the UNR campus. He stated that recommendations from the Governor's office would not enable them to maintain the status quo. He stressed that the Board of Regents recommendations were based on real needs. The student faculty ratio as recommended by the Governor would mean a reduction of 21 positions. This means that there will be a \$300,000 decrease from the present work program to that projected for next year. He stated that if it is not possible to restore the Board of Regents recommendation in this area, that they request restoration of \$230,000 to put us at level we are presently at this year.

He proposed that money appropriated for the next two years of biennium be reshuffled to enable them to maintain status quo. He stated that the cut in Instruction and Departmental Research was the most damaging.

Library - President Miller stated that an appropriation of \$750,000 for both campuses would create a most serious deficiency in book acquisition.

Counselors - President Miller stressed the need for 4½ additional full time counselors. Presently UNR only has 1½ full time counselors for 6,000 students.

Buildings and Grounds - President Miller stated that in order to maintain the status quo, \$183,000 more than Governor's recommendation is requested. This is due to the opening of new buildings on campus plus the increase in the cost of living.

Statewide Programs - President Miller asked that the Committee consider a 5% additional amount increase in each of these programs, and he added that this was a conservative figure.

Out-of State Travel - President Miller stated that the present amount has been cut in half. Fares have gone up and University must pay state taxes levied on out-of-state travel.

Salary Improvement - In order to compete with Western Universities, President Miller urged that sufficient funds be provided.

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Out of State Tuition - Tuition for out-of-state students will be raised to \$500 plus \$130 for registration fees per semester. Presently out-of-state student is only paying 75% of cost to educate. Questioning by Mr. Swackhamer in regards to how a student is eligible for resident status.

Discussion on dormitories.

President Zorn spoke on areas of concern at UNLV. UNLV experiences a 13.6% increase in enrollment each year. He indicated that there was a chronic malnutrition of financing for UNLV. He stated that there was a need for correction of income projections - these projections are difficult to make. UNLV enrollment pattern does not follow UNR's. 90% of students enrolled at UNLV are Nevada residents. UNR has more out of state students which in turn generate more revenue. President Zorn stated that 61% of students work part time. Both campuses are close in enrollment but not in tuition income. Funding has not kept up with rate of growth.

UNLV regents requested \$13,400,000 and Governor recommended \$9,200,000.

President Zorn stated that UNLV came up for reexamination of accreditation from Northwest Association to see if they agreed with UNLV's financial plight. They stated that UNLV was underfunded in its programs that they were attempting to implement, and that underfunding was the most critical problem facing the University. He stated that the Governor's budget would not provide for dynamic expansion.

Library - Governor's recommendation would cut book acquisition back by 50%. New positions - budget would provide for 3 new positions to hold the line, but they are requesting more.

Student Faculty Ratio - UNLV is requesting additional personnel to offset 20-1 ratio at which they are presently operating. UNLV is requesting approval of 56 new positions. They were allocated 21 new positions for staff.

Faculty Salary - Governor recommended increase of 1.3% for first part of biennium. President Zorn stated that they must go to 6.5% to maintain faculty morale and to be competitive. He stated that more than 1.3% would have to be appropriated even if money had to be taken away from another area.

President Zorn discussed the need for administrative people. Need for the following: Dean of Administration; Director of Student placement and a director for Veteran Services. Pres. Zorn stated that he would supply Mr. Hilbrecht with a list of additional positions needed.

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## New Programs -

Board of Regents recommended 9 new programs be implemented and Governor recommended zero dollars for new programs.

Campus Maintenance - President Zorn stated that this was an area of deficiency. UNLV was told that they had the lowest standard of building maintenance. They have one custodian per 16,000 square feet. Need 16 additional custodians. Governor has approved addition of 3 custodians. Buildings at UNLV are in operation from 8:00 A.M. until 11:00 P.M. He stated that in addition they will be adding 122 acres of improved land and that there will not be a single position for outdoors maintenance.

Faculty Salary - Mr. Dolan stated that UNLV regents recommended an 8% increase in salaries. The Budget Division called around to various Western States and inquired as to their recommendations for salaries. Based on information obtained, the Budget Division recomputed figures and arrived at Governor's recommendation of 1.3% increase. California and Washington are recommending zero increases.

Assemblyman White was present to speak on areas of deficiency at UNLV. She cited security problem, poor lighting and poor maintenance.

PAGE 142 - ELKO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Dr. Donnley stated that they are satisfied with budget as recommended by Governor. He mentioned the problem of offering vocational and technical programs with present facilities.

PAGE 144 - WESTERN NEVADA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Governor recommending appropriation of \$312,000 in first part of biennium would mean that there would be a reduction in the programs transferred by \$90,000. They would assign priorities to programs that have been transferred due to cut back in funds. With budget cut, new programs would not be implemented and the library would also be effected.

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PAGE 143 - CLARK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Budget as recommended by Governor would not enable the Community College to put into effect proposed new programs. Community College requesting that \$30,000 be added to Department of Education's budget or to their budget which will be matched by Federal funds for Manpower training act.

PAGE 145 - DESERT RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Dr. Ward stated that presently their programs are getting good Federal support. DRI also receives funds from private foundations. Most support comes from non State sources. He stated that this is the last year that they would receive funding from the Fleishman foundation. State support is too low. Agency's budget request was based on 15% of State support; agency requesting additional funding from state for the following: (1) to offset costs; (2) cost sharing (3) Funding for more programs; (4) scientists need small percentage of their salary to be funded by State - this is a morale problem; (5) Money begets money.

PAGE 148 - STATEWIDE PROGRAMS

Governor cut request by agency. Agency requests restoration of \$50,000 for environmental quality.

PAGE 150 - UNIVERSITY COMPUTING CENTER

Computing Center serves Reno, Las Vegas, Elko and DRI campuses. Mr. Anderson stated that with cut in budget as recommended by Governor, they will not be able to keep up with student's needs and that many projects will suffer. The Governor's recommendation will support the Computer Center at a minimal level. Mr. Anderson recommended that the Committee approves the Board of Regent's request.

Agency had hoped to install a second computer at UNLV. Presently they only have 5½ people to operate computer in LV. If 2nd computer was installed they would need 12 people in 71-72 and 20 people in 72-73. This additional computer would cost \$18,000 per month - \$250,000 for retail and installation cost.

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Chairman Young asked Chancellor Humphrey what the difference was between what the Board of Regents had requested and what the Governor recommended. Chancellor Humphrey replied that Board of Regents had requested \$70,000,000 and Governor had recommended \$50,000,000. Chancellor Humphrey stated that he would supply the Committee with a breakdown.

Mr. Hilbrecht suggested that when the Governor denies a specific item, that the University breaks down the denied item so it will be clearer to the Committee members.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

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2:00	Univ. of Nev. System	134	Neil Humphrey